Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
222 East Harris Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401 - Located at Abercorn and East Harris Streets
Most Reverend Gregory J. Hartmayer OFM Conv. — Bishop of Savannah
Most Reverend J. Kevin Boland — Bishop Emeritus

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 12 Noon & 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, & 11:30 a.m.
Latin Mass 1:00 p.m.
Weekdays: Mon thru Fri: 7:30 am & 12 Noon
Holy Days: 7:30 am, 12 Noon, 6:00 pm
Nursery: 10:00 am Masses on Sundays

Sacraments

Baptisms
Arrangements should be made in advance.
Confessions
Saturday: 11:00 am to 11:45 am & 4:15 pm to 5:00 pm
Also by request at other times.
Weddings
Arrangements should be made at least four months in advance. Participation in a marriage preparation program is required. Please call parish office for more information.
Anointing of the Sick

Faith Formation

Children’s Religious Ed
Sunday 8:45 am to 9:50 am
R. C. I. A. Tuesday 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Parish Staff

Rector - Very Rev. J. Gerard Schreck, JCD
In Residence - Msgr. William O’Neill, Rector Emeritus
In Residence - Very Rev. Daniel F. Firmin, JCL, VG
Sacristan - Lynne Everett, MD
Director of Religious Education - Mrs. Janee Przybyl
Bookkeeper/Admin. Assistant - Ms. Jan Cunningham
Office Assistant - Mrs. Brenda Price
Music Director - Mr. McDowell Fogle, MM
Asst. Organist - Ms. Heidi Ordaz, MM
Cantors - Rebecca Flaherty and Jillian Pashke Durant
Maintenance - Mr. Jimmy Joseph Sheehan III
Housekeeper/Food Services - Ms. Alma Young
Docents - Mrs. Peggy Baker, Mrs. Gloria Keane

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SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia. Acts 1:11

HYMN: Hail Thee, Festival Day 605, Hymnal
(Ascension Refrain)

Lord, Have Mercy

(Invocation) Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.
Kyrie, eleison.

(Invocation) Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.
Christe, eleison.

(Invocation) Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.
Kyrie, eleison.


+ LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 1: 1-11
Missal, p. 132

PSALM: "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord." Psalm 47: 2-9

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1: 17-23
Missal, p. 133

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

GOSPEL Luke 24: 46-53
Missal, p. 134

HOMILY

NICENE CREED Missal, p. 17

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

+ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS:

HYMN (5:30/11:30): Let All Mortal Flesh 685, Hymnal

CHORAL ANTHEM (10 A.M.)

If Ye Love Me

Text: John 14: 15-18
Music: Philip Wilby (b. 1949)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray
the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter,
that He may abide with you forever; E’en the Spirit of
truth. And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and
shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will
come to you.
**Eucharistic Prayer**  Missal, page 22

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY-JUBILATION MASS**

* Refer to the back page of the missal for guidelines for the reception of Communion.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

* Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia. Matthew 28:20

**COMMUNION HYMN**

* Hail the Day That Sees Christ Rise 620, Hymnal

**MARIAN ANTIPHON**

* Regina caeli, letare, alleluia: Quia quern meruisti portare, alleluia, Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia, Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

* Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia. The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia. Has risen, as He said, alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia

**+CONCLUDING RITE**

**GREETING AND BLESSING**

**STAND**

**DISMISSAL**

**HYMN:** Sing We Triumphant Hymns of Praise 619

**Music Notes:** If Ye Love Me

The text to today's anthem If Ye Love Me has inspired many composers of choral music, amongst them the British Composer Philip Wilby (b. 1949). Wilby's composition uses lush, dream-like chords to express the powerful message of today's gospel reading. The piece builds into a crescendo on the words "I will not leave you comfortless", then a long, decrescendo, led by the organ, to the almost whispered words "I will come to you".

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HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!!!

Today is the day to thank our mothers and grandmothers for the gift of life and love that we have received through them. This day comes just once each year, but we should be grateful to them every day of the year. As did Mary, the Blessed Mother, for her son Jesus, our own mothers have generously sacrificed and given of themselves for us.

I want to thank the Ladies of the Parish Council of Catholic Women, and all of you who donated, for the beautiful roses that adorn the Cathedral altar and sanctuary this weekend. They are a beautiful tribute to our mothers, and a sign of gratitude to God for having blessed us with a wonderful mother. They also remind us that we are offering our prayers and the Sacrifice of the Mass in honor of and in memory of our mothers and grandmothers. We remember the words of St. Monica to her son St. Augustine shortly before she died: “Bury my body wherever you will; let not care of it cause you any concern. One thing only I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be.” We do so today, and will continue to do so, until the day that we are all together in the kingdom of heaven. Happy Mother’s Day!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. J. Gerard Schreck, JCD
Rector
Today’s celebration is a reminder that we live in the time between Christ’s first coming and his second coming, between his ascension and the final day at the end of time. In this in-between time we have a job to do: we are to continue his mission on earth. As we gather today at God’s invitation, may our prayer be to remain faithful and diligent disciples until the end.

Flowers on the Blessed Mother Altar are in Memory of Bob Welcher

Mass Intentions for the week of May 8, 2016

**SUNDAY**
Marie Lyons Crider
William Kehoe, Jr. (Anni)
Jack Stacy (MM)
Bob Welcher (Anni)

**MONDAY**
Fred & Josephine Doyle
Intentions of Chris Salien

**TUESDAY**
Beverly Gustafson
Patricia Kelly

**WEDNESDAY**
Shirley Shearouse Bergen
Fr. Richard Canty (Anni)
William Kehoe Jr.

**THURSDAY**
Judy Beck
Dr. Fretwell Crider

**FRIDAY**
Jerry Repetski
Intentions of Chris Salien
John Stacy III (MM)

**SATURDAY**
Dr. Paul LaSala
Sam D. Tootle, Sr.


If you know of someone sick or injured that needs praying for, please contact the parish office at 912-233-4709.
**Free Alzheimer’s Program**

The Alzheimer's Association of Coastal Georgia, through the generosity of Gulfstream/A General Dynamics Company, presents DOCS & DESSERTS featuring Dr. Neill Graff-Radford. Join us on Thursday, May 12 from 6pm to 8pm at The Plantation Club @ The Landings (71 Green Island Road, Savannah, GA 31411) for an informative Question and Answer Session with Neill Graff-Radford, M.D., renown neurologist and Alzheimer’s disease researcher from the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, FL. Enjoy an evening of refreshments and enlightening conversation about Alzheimer’s and related dementias. **The event is FREE, but seating is limited so reservations are required.** Reserve your seat today by calling the Alzheimer's Association 24-Hour Helpline at 1-800-272-3900.

**Catholic Night at the Ballpark**

Catholics will pack the park at Grayson Stadium on Monday, June 6th at 7:00 PM to benefit the Social Apostolate. Bishop Hartmayer will throw out the first pitch. Catholic Schools sing the National Anthem. Fun and games for the family (and maybe your favorite priest).

Tickets this year include:
- $5 donation to the Social Apostolate
- All you can eat and bottomless sodas
- An evening of family fun with your catholic friends and neighbors.

Tickets options:
- $15 tickets include all of the above
- $20 tickets include above and two beers

For more information and to purchase tickets, go to [www.diosav.org/baseball-2016](http://www.diosav.org/baseball-2016).

**Second Collection Next Weekend**

Next week, our parish will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio, and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our diocese and support local needs, so please be generous in this collection.

**Baby Bottle Collection this Weekend**

This weekend we are collecting all the baby bottles and envelopes distributed 2 weeks ago in support of Savannah Care Center, a local, not for profit, Christian Crisis Pregnancy Center. Please turn in your bottle or envelope to one of the baskets in the rear of the church or give your contribution to one of the volunteers. If you forgot your bottle today, please turn it in to the Rectory Office as soon as possible. Envelopes with checks may be mailed separately. **Checks should be made out to “Savannah Care Center.”** Please be sure to write “Cathedral of St. John the Baptist” on the memo line of your check.

Your generosity is deeply appreciated and will make a difference for many young women and their children. A report on the amount of funds raised in this campaign will be forthcoming. Thank you for your help!

**40th and 50th Priest Ordination Anniversaries**

St. Matthew Parish in Statesboro invites you to celebrate the Anniversaries of Priestly Ordination of:

- Fr. Douglas Clark - 40th
- Fr. Tom Nellis - 50th
- Fr. Mike Smith - 50th

On Sunday, May 29, 2016. Mass at 6:00 PM. Reception to follow in the Fr. Robert Girardeau Parish Center. RSVP to Melinda Cannady at 912-681-6726 or [mcannady@saintmatthewsparish.com](mailto:mcannady@saintmatthewsparish.com) by May 15, 2016.

**50th Priest Ordination Anniversary**

Msgr. Nelson celebrates his 50th Ordination Anniversary this year at St. James and St. Frances Cabrini Churches.

- St. James the Less: Saturday, May 14, 2016
  - 5:00 PM Mass
  - Reception to follow

- St. Francis Cabrini: Tuesday, May 17, 2016
  - 6:00 PM Mass
  - Reception to follow
CATHEDRAL PARISH OFFERTORY
Offertory May 1, 2016: $21,985.00
Offertory May 3, 2015: $23,698.50

VISITOR’S DEPOSITORY BOX
Week Prior to May 1, 2016: $4,559.00
Week Prior to May 3, 2015: $5,980.00

You can contribute online by going to www.savannahcathedral.org and clicking on Give.

2016 BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL
Parish Target $ 108,174
Parish Pledges $ 55,140
Collected $ 75,576

Jan Cunningham in the Cathedral rectory is a Notary. Please call in advance to make arrangements if you are in need of a Notary for documents. (No fee.)

CRE Schedule
May 8 - CLASS First Communion; 10:00 Mass
May 15 - CLASS

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Prayer Group
Join us to pray, discuss the upcoming Sunday gospel and grow closer to God. For the month of May we will be starting with Rosary. Meets Tuesday’s 10:15-11:45 in Parish Hall Library. For more information, contact Glenda at sandersgks53@aol.com

Book Club
Meets Thursdays 10:15-11:45 in Parish Hall Library. Starting May 12th, we will be discussing Elijah in Jerusalem by Michael D. O’Brien. For more information, Moira at threenovacks@gmail.com.

NEW PARISHIONERS & ADDRESS CHANGES
Those wishing to become a parishioner of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, should complete the following, cut out and drop it in the offertory collection basket. A census form will be mailed to you, which must be completed and mailed back. You may also register online at www.savannahcathedral.org. Thank you.

New Parishioner ☐
Change of Address ☐

Name ______________________________
Address ______________________________
Telephone Number ______________________________
Email Address ______________________________

To register online, go to www.savannahcathedral.org

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During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, on Fridays of each week, the Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the Sacred Heart Altar, from 8:00AM until 5:00PM. You can make a visit and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. From 4:00PM to 5:00PM on the Fridays of each week, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in the confessional of the Cathedral.